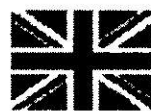
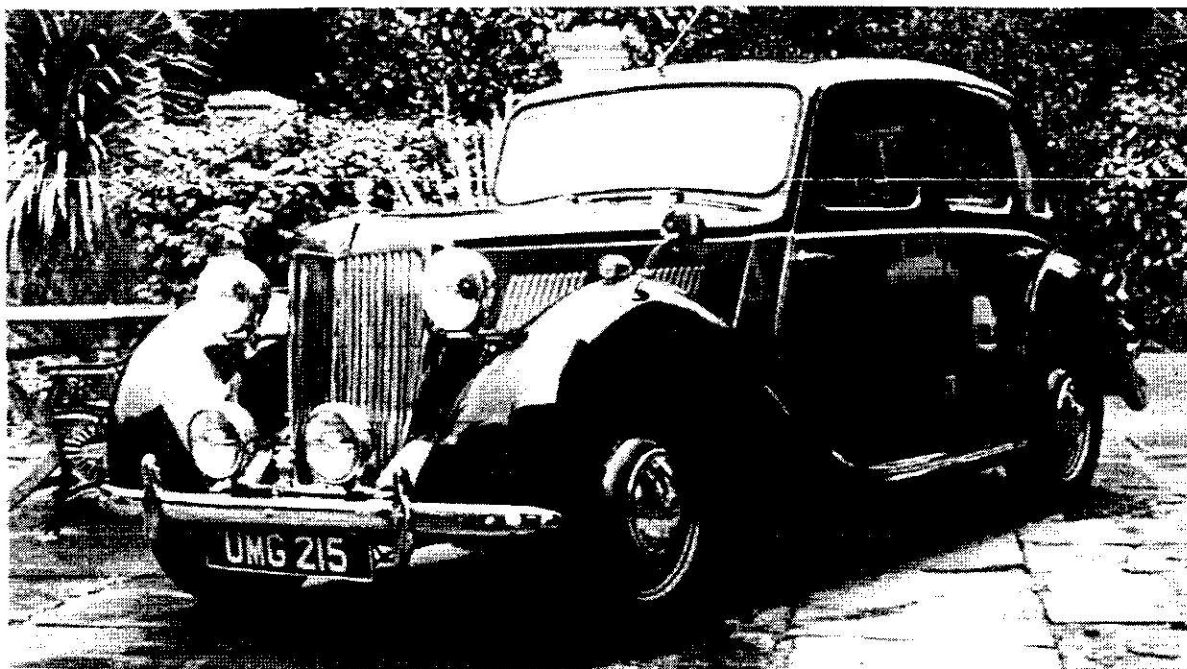


The Classic 'Y'



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This is Y/6409, recently acquired by Don Fry. It is two-tone green, divided at the waist-line. There's more news from Don in this issue...



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Car for Sale

In the process of looking around for a Y-Type to buy late last year, Don Fry came across one in Southport which was for sale. This is what he has told me of it...

"The Southport car is actually in [REDACTED]k. The owner is Ken Williams on [REDACTED]l. It is on a farm-type property by the level-crossing. It is white and was restored some time ago, but not completed. The engine runs but it is impossible to get the car out of its present position. I decided that I would wait until I found a better one.

This car was included in an article by the motoring writer Michael Worthington-Williams in the *Classic Car Mart* in September 2006. Ken had bought a 1926 Austin 20 off him: he already had two in pieces! The place is full of wonderful old cars, Rolls-Royces, a Graham Page, Vulcan, Invicta, etc."

L e T t e R S

Dear John,

My new "YA" is Y/6409, Reg. "UMG215", and it's a really nice one. The V5c states only five previous owners, so I thought I would try to trace its history as far back as possible. Referring to the paperwork which came with it, I have written to several names on various bills. The one I really wanted to hear from was the man who had done the restoration. His name is Sam Crutchley (no relation to the Octagon Club's Harry Crutchley).

I was surprised when I received a call from Sam Crutchley, and he told me all he could. I now get to the interesting bit... Guess where he found it - yes, another one from Southport, where it had been locked away since 1973. Someone in M.G. circles had heard that it was for sale and told Sam, so he went to see it, bought it, and trailered it back to his home in Lichfield. This was in 1991 or '92. It was red/maroon then but is now two-tone green.

I hope you can stand all this excitement, John, as I have another story about Southport. One Saturday evening in the early '60s, my wife and I had a run to Southport in my then red "YA" "KVM358". As we turned off Lord Street to park, there were two identical red "YA"s parked there, so I parked behind them. To see what even by then were three elderly cars, all identical, was quite a sight. When we returned the other two had gone and I have often wondered what their owners thought on seeing mine. Perhaps one of them was my new one; we'll never know. What a shame no-one left a note.

With my apologies for the boring story, John, but this car is reliving all my "YA" memories.

Don Fry,
[REDACTED] Manchester.

Next, on with our "Reference Library"/TCY Index listing...

Period Advertisements:

			Published in TCY etc.
Motor	03/12/47	Advertisement (two-tone green "YA"; original is in colour)	(1) RSA
Motor	19/05/48	Advertisement "Maintaining the Breed"	(1) 85; AUS-5
Motor	17/08/49	Advertisement "Three Thoroughbreds" (original is in colour)	(1)
Motor	12/09/51	Page showing "Cars for Sale" advertisements (several "Y"s)	(1) 117
Motor	20/07/55	Cutting showing "Cars for Sale" advertisements (several "Y"s)	(1) 141
Motor	13/06/56	Cutting showing "Cars for Sale" advertisement (1950 Y/T)	(1) 141
Motoring	??/??	Advertisement "Dual Personality"	(1) AUS
Motoring	??/??	Advertisement "In Leicestershire or Leicester Square"	(1) AUS-10
Motoring	04/51	"Prices of Nuffield Organization Cars", etc.	(1) 169
Motoring	07/53	Advertisement on cover of magazine	(1) RSA
Motor Sport	08/52	Advertisement "Versatility"	(1) AUS
Autocar	30/05/47	Advertisement "Introducing the M.G. 1½ Litre"	(1) AUS-9; 149
Autocar	22/08/47	"Maintaining the Breed with the new One and a Quarter litre M.G."	(1) AUS-11; 148
Autocar	04/03/49	Page showing "Cars for Sale" advertisements (several "Y"s, including details of a special-bodied saloon)	(1)
Autocar	30/09/49	Advertisement showing "YA" & TC (original is in colour)	(1) AUS-17; BK
Autocar	17/10/52	"Versatility"	(1) AUS-8; 151
Autocar	24/10/52	Advertisement "For years the most consistently successful sports car in the world" (showing TD and Silver Streak Grey YB; original is in colour)	(1) 101
Autocar	24/10/52	Page showing "Cars for Sale" advertisements (many "Y"s)	(1) 101
Autocar	26/12/52	Advertisement "Dual Personality"	(1) AUS-6; 148
Autocar	08/07/55	Page showing "Cars for Sale" advertisements (several "Y"s)	(1) 131
Autosport	07/11/52	Page showing "Cars for Sale" advertisements (incl. two "Y"s)	(1)
B.A.R.C. Gazette	01-02/54	"Horses for Sale!" (Laystall-Lucas cylinder head)	(1) 154
Practical Classics	07/82 & 10/82	Plastic Padding ad' featuring "YMG21"	(1) 169
		Australian YT/"YA"/TC ad' (Victoria)	(1) AUS-3
		"See them at the Motor Show" (1948) (TC/"YA"/YT)	(1) AUS-4
		"The family car... with a sporting heart" (YB)	(1) AUS-7
		"Advertising M.G." by Neil Cairns	(1) 135

Suspension:

			Published in TCY etc.
Autocar	26/10/45	"The New Luvax-Girling Hydraulic Damper"	(3) 57; RSA-10
Motoring		"The M.G. Series 'Y' Front Suspension" by Vincent Wilson	(2)
Practical Classics	12/80	MGB Front Suspension Rebuild	(4)
Practical Classics	10/91	"Reviving Dampers"	(3)
Enjoying M.G.	10/86	MGB Front Suspension Rebuild	(2)
Enjoying M.G.	02/88	MGB Front Suspension Rebuild (tips by Mark Easton)	(1)
The Wind Machine	06/81	"A Technical Discussion on Suspension & Steering"	(2)
		by Jarl de Boer	(2) 49; RSA; AUS
The Wind Machine	04/88	"An M.G. Suspense Story" by Jarl de Boer (rear susp')	(3)
Car Fix It	Vol.2 Pt.33	"B.M.C. Suspension Problems - 2"	(7)
The Sacred Octagon	02/92	"Renewing rear springs" by Dean Aboudara	(2)
Trillium News	No.120 11-12/91	"The Luvax-Girling Shock-Absorber"	(9)
		by Douglas Percival (from the book <i>Motor Repair & Overhauling</i>)	(9)
		"Suspension Parts For Your M.G. 'Y'" by David Ransome	(1) 67
		Drawing of telescopic damper modification to front suspension	(1) 73
		Description and engineering drawing of modification to rear suspension to enable V.W. "Beetle" rear shock absorbers to be fitted to	
		"YA"s and Y/Ts by Steve Neal	(2) 103
		"Sagging Wishbones" by Neil Cairns	(2) 131
		"Lacquer and a Little Rust" by Neil Cairns	
		(top king-pin trunnion bolt renewal)	(2) 132
		"Anti-Roll Bars on the YB" by Neil Cairns	(3) 138
		"Half A Century" (rear spring hanger rubber bushes) by Neil Cairns	(2) 140

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Cooling System:

Published in
TCY etc.

Safety Fast!	06/88	"Fitting XPAG Core Plugs" by Jerry Austin	(2)	
Trillium News No.116	01-02/91	Converting early-type water pump with carbon seal to take replacement late-type rubber seal by P.Collins	(2)	RSA-18
The Sacred Octagon	02/92	(as above)	(1)	
The Sacred Octagon	06/94	"XPAG Cooling System & Service Procedures" by R.Jacobson	(3)	RSA
The Sacred Octagon	06/94	"XPAG Heater Installation" by R.Jacobson	(3)	
		"The Case of the Bubbling 'Y'" by David Mullen	(2)	108; AUS
		"Blinds & Muffs" by John Lawson	(2)	126
		"Running Cool" by Neil Cairns	(4)	130

Bodywork:

Published in
TCY etc.

Motoring		"The Door Fittings of your Series 'M' Morris Ten" by S.F.Drake	(2)	
News Exchange	08/49	photo of Y/T at British Car Show, Montreal showing white wing-to-body piping	(1)	RSA
The Sacred Octagon	12/87	photo showing original-type Y/T front bumper and over-riders as fitted to TC/EXU 8160	(1)	RSA
The Sacred Octagon	06/89	"Fitting 'T' Series Doors" by G.G.Werbizky (applies also to Y/T)	(2)	172
The Sacred Octagon	02/92	"Removing bonnet central hinge rod" by Sherwood Parker	(1)	
Safety Fast!	01/89	"Sorry - Wrong Number!" by Kenn Davis (specifications of original number-plates and their letters and numbers)	(1)	
Safety Fast!	11/89	"Renovating a Windscreen Washer" by Geoff Barron (relates to Trico manually-operated units)	(1)	RSA
Safety Fast!	09/92	The 01/01/93 M.O.T. Regulations' additions	(2)	
Auto Classic	05/09/90 & 26/09/90	adapting modern replacement metric-thickness windscreen and door glass to fit old cars	(1)	
Practical Classics	10/82	Plastic Padding ad' featuring "YMG21"	(1)	169
Practical Classics	Spring '94	YB bodywork repairs by Brian Cox	(1)	
Street Machine	??/??	Photo of customized Morris 8 Series E	(1)	169
		"Practical Blast Cleaning Techniques" by R.F.Mann	(3)	63
		Photo of prototype Y/T body	(1)	72; RSA
		Variations in bumper fixing brackets (by David R.Lawrence & John Lawson)	(1)	103
		Bumper fixing brackets and components (by David R.Lawrence)	(3)	112
		"Tip Sheet" for fitting door bottom repair panels by A.J.J.Bolt	(1)	
		Letter of 05/09/80 from Josiah Parkes & Sons Ltd. giving details of and dealing with problems with the boot lock and handle	(2)	
		"Y-Type Battery Boxes" by David R.Lawrence	(10)	113; 114; 115
		"Y-Type & Mini - Comparison of Passenger Compartment Dimensions" by John Lawson	(1)	129
		"Devious YB Rattle" (sunroof adjustment) by Neil Cairns	(1)	135
		Side-view drawing of "Y/T 3423" hybrid	(1)	140
		"Making an Adjustable Door Cross-brace for the Y/T Door" by Karl-Heinz Borchers	(2)	158
		Dimensioned technical drawing of spare wheel compartment floor by Phil Coates	(1)	191

Notes

- Figure in brackets after description of item indicates number of pages comprising that item.
- Abbreviations in 'published in' column:
AUS: Published in Tony Slattery's Australian Y-Type Register newsletter ~~or~~ original of item sent to Tony Slattery to assist in setting up his Australian Y.T.R.
RSA: Published in David Lawrence's South African Y-Type Register newsletter ~~or~~ original of item sent to David Lawrence to assist in preparation of *Let There Be Ys*.
BK: Reprinted in *M.G. Y-Type Saloons and Tourers* by John Lawson (1988).

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